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EXPENDITURE ON SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expenditure on science and technology in India is less than one per cent;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred in other developing and developed countries; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the allocation in the field of science and technology?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. According to the available official statistics, the expenditure on R&D in the field of Science & Technology as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was 0.8% during the year 2002-03 in India. India's position in this regard vis-a-vis other developing and developed countries is Annexed.

(c) The Government has taken various measures to increase the allocation in the field of Science & Technology. These measures include higher allocation for Science & Technology from Plan to Plan, setting up of new institutions for science education and research, creation of centres of excellence and facilities in emerging and frontline areas in academic and national institutes, strengthening infrastructure for R&D in universities, encouraging public-private R&D partnerships, grants for industrial R&D projects, income tax relief on R&D expenditure, weighted tax deduction for sponsored research, custom duty exemption on goods imported for use in Government funded R&D projects, tax holiday and national awards for outstanding R&D.